

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the application and required the election of one of the following inventions to which the claims must be restricted:

- I. Claims 1-18, 36 and 37, drawn to a method for improving plant growth; and
- II. Claims 19-35, drawn to a method for producing a fertilizer.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, as presently set forth in Claims 1-18, 36 and 37. Claims 19-35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue Claims 19-35 and/or other claims directed to the invention of Group II in one or more subsequent divisional and/or continuation applications.

It is not believed that any fees are owed with respect to this response; however, if any fees are due, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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